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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b), AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed before the mailing date of the first office action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 is as follows:

US 6,427,665 B1

This patent teaches a system in which a high-pressure fuel reservoir for a common-rail fuel injection system of an internal combustion engine has a tubular base body. This body has a substantially circular-cylindrical interior disposed centrally with respect to its longitudinal axis. The interior communicates with a plurality of connection openings. To enhance the high-pressure strength by simple provisions, the cross section of the tubular base body, portions in which the connection openings are disposed, is embodied in weakened form.

US 2002/0029929 A1

This published application teaches a system (100) for improved sound absorption, including a substrate (102) of porous insulation material and of a first air flow resistance. Also disclosed is a facing material (104) attached to the substrate and a second air flow resistance, wherein the total system resistance is a combination of the first and second air flow resistances. The total system resistance and the second air flow resistance are of relatively low values.

US 2002/0038650 A1

This published application teaches a fuel system that has a fuel injector directly mounted with a fuel rail. The fuel rail has a body with interior and exterior surfaces. The interior surface defines a volume. The exterior surface surrounds the interior surface. An aperture extends between the interior and exterior surfaces in fluid communication with the volume. The fuel injector has an inlet tube with an inside surface that defines a flow path through a portion of the fuel injector, and an outside surface that surrounds the inside surface. The fuel injector is disposed so that the flow path is in fluid communication with the volume. A rigid connection is disposed between at least one of the interior and exterior surfaces of the fuel rail and the outside surface of the inlet tube. This rigid connection secures and hermetically seals the fuel rail with the fuel injector.

US 2002/0112697 A1

This published application teaches a fuel high pressure accumulator for fuel injection devices. An intersecting region between a storage chamber and a connection opening of a connection pipe, as well as the region of an outer wall which is opposite to the connecting region are designed to improve pressure strength.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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